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SUBJECT: FRENCH PRESIDENT HOPES TO SET UP STRUCTURED, CONFIDENTIAL

RELATIONSHIP WITH US AT SUMMIT

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GISCARD HOPES THAT FRANCO-US TIES

WILL BECOME MORE STRUCTURED AND CONFIDENTIAL AS A RESULT OF HIS
MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT FORD THIS WEEKEND. GISCARD BELIEVES
THAT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS CAN BECOME TRULY CLOSE AND MUTUALLY
ADVANTAGEOUS ONLY IF LEADERS ON BOTH SIDES CAN BE DISCREET AND
PREVENT PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXTENT OF THEIR COOPERATION. THE
FRENCH PRESIDENT IS PREPARED TO AGREE TO PROJECTS THAT WOULD PROVIDE PROOF OF HIS INTENTIONS. BUT SERVE HE HAS FOUND LITTLE PUBLIC
SUPPORT FOR CLOSER TIES WITH THE US, HE BELIEVES THAT MOST OF THESE
PROJECTS MUST BE KEPT SECRET.

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CHANNELS SIGNAL CENTER USE ONLY TOG D S NFD/NDA/BUO/CD CITE MESSAGE REFERENCE NUMBER DATE-TIME GROUP MESSAGE HANDLING INDICATOR **SOURCE REF:** 25X6 A BILATERAL COMMISSION COMPOSED OF A DOZEN HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS WITH TWO CHAIRMEN--PRESUMABLY AT CABINET LEVEL -- TO REVIEW A CHECKLIST OF POSSIBLE PROJECTS. BECAUSE OF FRENCH DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, THE IDEA TO CREATE THE COMMISSION MUST APPEAR TO COME FROM THE US SIDE. THE FRENCH-SOVIET AND FRANCO-WEST GERMAN COMMISSIONS WOULD SERVE AS MODELS. THE EXISTENCE OF THE COMMISMSION AND ITS NON-SENSITIVE PROJECTS 25X6 WOULD BE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, BUT MANY ITEMS WOULD BE SECRET. 25X6 THE COMMISSION WOULD BEGIN WITH NON-SENSITIVE TOPICS AND PROCEED TO MORE SIGNIFICANT AND SEMNSITIVE AREAS AS MUTUAL CONFIDENCE DEVELOPS. 25X6 SPECIFIC TOPICS SUGGEST FOR CONSIDERATION WERE: -- A COMPROMISE ON THE SALE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO THE FOUR-NATION EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM SEEKING TO REPLACE ITS F-104S. 25X1C A PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD DIVIDE THE EUROPEAN MARKET BETWEEN THE US AND FRANCE. DATE: 25X1C ORIG: UNIT: EXT:

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--A FORMALIZED EXCHANGE OF "TEMPORARY DUTY ASSIGNMENTS"
BETWEEN OFFICIALS THAT WOULD CORRECT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN
WHICH NO ONE IS A POSITION OF AUTHORITY IN EITHER COUNTRY HAS
LIVED FOR AN APPRECIABLE LENGTH OF TIME IN THE OTHER.

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